GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:147
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2016
Go-India Smart Card
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of outcome of pilot projects launched on "Go-India Smart Card";

(b) whether the Government now proposes to introduce "Go-India Smart Card" for the rail passengers to buy tickets from booking counters;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the routes on which the said facility is likely to be made available; and

(d) the time by which the said scheme is proposed to be implemented across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 BY SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.05.2016 REGARDING GO-INDIA SMART CARD.

(a) to (c): Go-India Smart Card Scheme has been introduced as a multi-purpose card for the passengers to pay for tickets. The Scheme is intended to reduce the transaction time at the booking counters as it facilitates cashless transaction. The Scheme has been launched on pilot basis on two sectors, viz., New Delhi-Mumbai and
New Delhi-Howrah. At present, the Go-India Smart Card enables passengers to pay for reserved and unreserved tickets. The Card can be used at nominated Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS)/Passenger Reservations System (PRS) counters and in the existing Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) (for unreserved tickets) for issuing tickets on these two sectors. Salient features of the Scheme are as under:
i. In case of UTS tickets booked using Go-India Smart Card, the cardholders get the UTS-ATVM ticket at 5% less than its original value. However, no bonus is permitted in case of PRS/reserved tickets booked using Go-India Smart Card.
ii. Concessional bookings are allowed through Go-India Smart Card except military warrants/vouchers and passes. However, in such cases, the cardholder shall not get the 5% discount on purchase of the UTS-ATVM tickets.
iii. Tatkal and opening day Advance Reservation Period (ARP) booking are allowed against the Go-India Smart Card subject to limitation of one transaction per day. 1051 Go-India Smart Cards have been issued and 7999 tickets
(83 reserved and 7916 unreserved tickets) have been booked against these cards up to 23.04.2016.

(d): Introduction of new schemes and their extension based on the feedback is a continuous and ongoing process.

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